

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 continued Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: M. Collins, J. Coyle

Conference: M. van der Jagt, O. DeVries, J. Stevenson, R. Hastie, J. Vanderlaan, and N. Oud

Absent: V. Radoman

Guest: Mr. Neil Caine, B.C. Liaison

M. van der Jagt called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and welcomed Jayne Coyle, new employee.

Minutes from March 16, 2010 were reviewed and amended.

**MOTION:** J. Stevenson, seconded by R. Hastie to accept March 16, 2010 minutes as amended.

CARRIED

Minutes from March 23, 2010 were reviewed and amended.

**MOTION:** J. Vanderlaan, seconded by N. Oud to accept March 23, 2010 minutes as amended.

CARRIED

**ACTION:** M. Collins to send March 16 and March 23, 2010 minutes to N. Oud for website posting. M. Collins to distribute by email to members using email contacts.

**FINANCES:**

Nick Oud reported that a physical inventory of the stock is conducted annually during the audit. It was agreed that starting in the new fiscal year (01 SEP 2010) the monthly inventory function of the simply accounting software would be activated to provide the BOD with a monthly report on in-store stock.

In future the BOD will be presented with a monthly tracking document to show monthly income and expenses, as well as a year to date comparison of the previous year. It was also agreed that a local accounting firm would be retained to review the current accounting practices and recommend any additional reporting that would assist the BOD.

O. DeVries suggested that because euros are at a low price, that CU should take advantage of it when purchasing overseas inventory. M. Collins to investigate the feasibility of opening a Euro account to allow the CRPU to pre-purchase euros at these historically low values to offset the cost of bands and other European supplies.

Current year to date figures indicate that revenues and expenses are roughly in line with 2009.

M. van der Jagt wanted to know membership-to-date. M. Collins reported total membership is 1,135, and total auxiliary members are 5. 2009 year to date membership totals were not readily available, however it was noted that total 2009 membership was 1200. O. DeVries requested that M. Collins start tracking membership totals monthly.

N. Oud reported that CU's account has migrated from CIBC, London, ON to TD Canada Trust, Tillsonburg, ON.

**MOTION:** R. Hastie to accept N. Oud's financial statements as read, seconded by O. DeVries.

CARRIED

**ACTION:**

1. M. Collins and N. Oud to work out reports recommended by new accountant(s). To ask what type of reports are necessary to operate business: monthly and/or yearly for Inventory, A&L, P&L and R&E (comparables).

2. M. Collins to add up how much we spend in inventory in one (1) year in Euros, and look into opening a euro account.
3. M. Collins to start tracking membership totals monthly.

**BYLAWS:**

R. Hastie reported he is not anticipating any problems with the Hamilton bylaw amalgamation. The City of Regina will be sending a copy of their bylaw to the CU. N. Oud plans to post a sample model bylaw on the website. There currently is a sample bylaw in the pamphlet entitled, "Perceptions and Reality" that is available on the CU website.

**AWARDS:**

O. DeVries has a few concerns about uploading results. N. Oud is working with the database programmer to correct issues as they arise. Glitches were anticipated at this point, and the CU is working through them.

M. Collins reported the names of the clubs who are presently uploading results. N. Oud and M. van der Jagt discussed using drop down boxes for 100 clubs and all they would require is one (1) club member's password and user's name.

**ACTION:**

1. N. Oud is to continue working with the database programmer to address bugs as they arise. Everyone is asked to report any concerns or problems to Nick Oud.

**PROMOTIONS:**

M. van der Jagt welcomed Neil Caine, B.C. Liaison. Neil reported that people are making last minute preparations to get birds off to derbys and hoping for wins. The coast has started racing; the third race was this past weekend with 800 birds racing with light losses experienced by most members. The North Road club has met with too much resistance at the US border so they are switching from the south course back to the east course. The east course seems to offer great racing up to 300 miles, and then become much more difficult because of the third mountain range.

Little seeds are being planted to promote young members. Currently, Neil's club has four (4) junior members flying. The club will only be issuing trophies to the juniors this year.

On another note, the combine has been entertaining charity races with the local Optimist club along the lines of what was discussed at the CU Annual meeting in 2009.

Other positive developments include the donation of birds to younger members, and the purchase of a new combine trailer. They have had requests from more members wanting crates for the trailer. The trailer allows everyone to enjoy the sport all along the corridor (north and south) of where they live. Neil stated that he feels the trailer will pay off in 10 years. People are pleased and happy with the sport. Neil also reports that clubs to the north are getting involved so that they can fly from the south on Sunday, after the north course birds are released on a Saturday. This will allow the trailer to be full on both the outward and return trips, doubling the use of the trailer.

M. van der Jagt commented on behalf of the CU, appreciation for Neil making things happen, and helping those to afford the sport. M. van der Jagt will be putting Naomi Armstrong in contact with Neil to exchange promotional ideas, particularly involving their junior members. M. van der Jagt thanked Neil for calling in and extended any help they could. M. van der Jagt stated that Neil has a positive approach to initiating new flyers.

*International Plowing Match:* Steve Walsh sent information about sponsorship. V. Radoman to report and was absent from meeting at this time. We did however; receive a letter from the Plowing Match Board stating that our entry has been approved for a 10' x 10' booth. Jim Jenner will prepare a video to be displayed at the event and M. Collins will obtain it for viewing at the next Board meeting.

There was discussion about the various levels of sponsorship. It was agreed that a return on investment for a sponsorship donation would not likely justify the cost, so the CU will not be making a donation at this time.

**ACTION:**

1. M. van der Jagt to get in touch with Steve Walsh to let him know about our decision not to go ahead with the sponsorship at this time. Also to touch base with him about the project in general.
2. M. Collins to obtain video from Jim Jenner for next meeting.

**RULES:**

J. Stevenson reported on a complaint received from Joe Martire concerning clocking limits in the EOC. He suggested that the CU send a letter to the EOC Combine stating that they need to follow procedure. Under CU rules J. Martire is entitled to a true race result.

**ACTION:** M. van der Jagt and J. Stevenson to draft a letter to the President of the EOC directing him to ensure that J. Martire is provided with a true race result.

**HEALTH:**

N. Oud reported on a recent concern related to pox vaccine. The CU has always stocked to 100 dose pigeon vaccine. Main Biologic, the supplier, has changed manufacturers and facilities and has been out of stock. The 100 dose pigeon vaccine was not being manufactured. The supplier informed M. Collins he had 1000-dose bottles available, not the 100-dose and that it was the same product. M. Collins talked to the sales rep. on 11 May 2010 and was informed that he was able to get the 100-dose bottles. She has ordered all he has. The sales rep. admitted at the same time that the 1000-dose chicken product is not the same as 100-dose pigeon product. N. Oud stated that we are obligated to replace any poultry pox vaccine purchased by members with the pigeon pox vaccine. M. van der Jagt agreed and the CU should go after the manufacturer as the Board feels we were misled about the vaccine.

**ACTION:** M. Collins is to contact the supplier for a refund of the 1000-dose bottles of chicken pox vaccine.

M. Collins to call all members who purchased the poultry vaccine and offer them the opportunity to have it replaced free of charge with the pigeon vaccine.

**OLD BUSINESS**

M. Collins suggested to the BOD, that we stock the line of pigeon books published by Silvio Mattacchione.

**ACTION:** M. Collins is to order a small number of the books.

*Yearbook Advertising Rates:* Members are asking what the costs are to advertise. A discussion involving various issues relating to yearbook advertising and advertising rates was held. M. van der Jagt proposed that the front cover of the yearbook be sold as advertising rather than reserved for the Certificate of Merit high point bird. It was generally felt that the front cover should be reserved for showcasing the current year's champion, not as a source of revenue. The issue was then discussed relating to the new National Champion Ace bird awards and since they will now crown a champion based on all races flown by all birds, all clubs and all members and not just those applying, should those birds be recognized on the front cover. Further discussion was deferred until 25 MAY 2010.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Agenda item added:* Shannon Beadow provided the "Job Creation Partnership" proposal, wherein the CU can apply for a grant through Service Canada for an individual in the office. Service Canada will pay wages and provide an employee for a year. Discussion about the type of work required was directly related to database entry. To ensure audit the integrity of all current CU electronic data including the membership database.

M. Collins reported we need complete verification of the website. Because of the glitches, M. Collins does not feel comfortable that the website is completely accurate. M. Collins suggested doing a personal head count on all our members, would be very beneficial. O. DeVries questioned the grant coverage – 100%? He heard it was 60%. M. Collins will talk to Shannon about coverage, as she understands we are responsible to cover EI and CPP only. M. Collins will check the coverage and have Shannon go ahead with the initiative.

The meeting was suspended at 10:33 p.m., to be continued on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

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M. van der Jagt, President

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J. Stevenson, Secretary